

JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY

(Continued from Page Eighteen.) women are beginning to realize that life is too short to devote hours each day to changing one's frock and one can do just about as one pleases in the matter of clothes without danger of criticism. I ran into Miss Carolyn Nash in her riding togs at Mrs. George Barnett's reception the other afternoon; and at an afternoon party she can wear anything from the most elaborate of demi-toilettes to a severely tailored suit or a sports frock. Princess Bibesco, by the way, wears her engagement ring on her right hand—a fashion which Washington girls are already copying.

The Bibescos have gone to New

York to remain until after Easter, and they'll probably be on hand to say bon voyage to N. H. Lahavary, counselor of the Rumanian legation, who is sailing early in April. He goes to Paris, leaving Washington with genuine regret; but he submits that at least three-fourths of his friends in Washington are going abroad this summer and have made engagements to meet him in Paris. The first object of Prince and Princess Bibesco's trip to New York is to meet their baby daughter, Princess Priscilla—Princess Priscilla Bibesco, isn't that a delightful name—who is being brought over to them by the American Ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Davis. The

Davises saw a great deal of the Bibescos in London—you know Prince Bibesco was long attached to the Rumanian legation there—and also of the Princess's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Asquith. I remember Mrs. Davis telling me of the christening of little Princess Priscilla, which was one of the events of the London season, with no less a person than Queen Alexandra standing godmother to the blessed baby. She was baptized in accordance with the Greek ritual—since the Greek Church is the established church of Rumania—and the ceremony, which includes immersion, is very picturesque and colorful.

BARNETT RECEPTION

ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS.

Although Mrs. Barnett's wife of Maj. Gen. George Barnett, simply announced rather casually that she would be at home on Monday afternoon, a continuous stream of motors drew up before her door and her drawing rooms were as crowded as though she had sent out invitations for a large reception. You see, her friends had a double purpose in calling—to bid her welcome after her brief trip abroad and to congratulate her upon General Barnett's promotion to the permanent rank of major general.

It must have been tremendously gratifying both to the general and his wife to think that the new Administration was so warmly interested before it passed to do honor to the man who commanded the Marine Corps all during the war and who made this famous organization one of the finest fighting forces in the world. People in Washington—nay, all over the country—were genuinely shocked when General Barnett was summarily removed from the command of his beloved marines and are rejoicing in his vindication. No, not vindication, for that implies some suspicion of blameworthiness, and there has never been a hint of criticism of the general's course, either during the war or since. Say rather, therefore, that they are rejoicing in the well-deserved honor that has come to an officer and a gentleman. The one by in the ointment is that the general is now in the class with General Pershing—he has so much rank that it's hard to know what to do with him.

Mrs. Barnett's new house—2152 Bancroft place—is charming. She has been in it since this autumn, but I had never seen it until I dropped in on Monday afternoon. It's a small house, but Mrs. Barnett has added a big room at the back which does duty as a living room and library; and there she has her splendid collection of books and some of the finest of the Chinese things picked up during the year when General Barnett—he was major then—was in command of the legation guard at Peking. All over the drawing-room floor Chinese embroideries and splendid screens, carvings and lovely painted panels in the oriental manner—with their Japanese, I believe—hobnob with colonial mahogany and family portraits—Montagues and Gordons, etc., and many of them by famous American masters. I don't know anyone but Mrs. Barnett who could have brought together so many contrasting elements and achieved such a piquant and withal artistic effect. The rooms are flooded with sunshine, too, and,

with their creamy walls and embroidered yellow hangings, have an atmosphere of gaiety.

Mrs. Barnett's sister, Mrs. Charles Phillips Hill, presided at the tea table on Monday. Assisted by Mrs. Smith—a pretty little navy woman—and the two Gordon girls—Lella and Anne—and their little cousin, Miss Helma Caperton, helped Mrs. Barnett make her guests welcome. Miss Caperton, who was one of this season's brides in Richmond, is a slim slip of a girl, with the most bewitching of profiles and a close-cropped curly head, and the men folk about her like her about a honey pot. Miss Lella Gordon, Mrs. Barnett's elder daughter, who spent the winter abroad and came home with her mother, has bobbed her blonde hair and it is amazingly becoming. She was radiantly lovely on Monday—her frock of midnight blue taffeta spoke Paris in every line and was very simple and very chic—and looked as though she still belonged in the school room.

EASTER WEEK PROMISES

RECORD FOR GAIETY.

Easter week gives promise of establishing a record for gaiety. There is a ball—at least one—every night save Saturday—April 2—and that evening has been pre-empted for the College Women's Club banquet at the Rauscher's, which Mrs. Coolidge, wife of the Vice President, is to be the guest of honor.

This is an annual event, but this time it will have more than the usual significance, since the club has captured several lions. Mrs. Wallace, wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, Mrs. Hoover, wife of the Secretary of Commerce, and Mrs. Davis, wife of the Secretary of Labor, will be guests of honor. Mrs. Coolidge, wife of the Vice President, is to be the guest of honor.

The annual Dixie Ball of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, U. D. C., at which General Pershing is to be the guest of honor, will open the Easter season. It is to be given on Easter Monday evening, March 28, at the Willard, and should be an unprecedented success. Next evening, March 29, the last of the popular series of army dances at Rauscher's, will be held—and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if the Secretary of War and Mrs. Weeks should be present, although so far I've had no hint of that from the powers that be. Then comes the Woman's Army and Navy League ball, always one of the important events of Easter week, and this time to be given at the Willard on the evening of Wednesday, March 30.

The Colonial Ball, which appropriately enough, is to be given by the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter 3, has the right of way on Thursday, March 31—also at the Willard—and everybody is looking forward to it with the keenest interest. Fancy dress parties are always fun and no costumes are so becoming as those of the past, and the Revolutionary days nor make so effective a picture. The Colonial Dames of New York will be presented, as well as the Colonial Dames of Philadelphia.

The minut, danced by girls and young men in costume, will be a charming feature of the entertainment. Several of the ladies who are most interested in the ball are assembling groups of their friends to attend together, also in Colonial costume, and many of them are wearing gowns

which have come down to them from their forbears. Mrs. Charles Warren is arranging a group, Mrs. Walter Tuckerman, another; and other groups are being formed under the leadership of Lady Geddes, Mme. Collardet, Mme. Muhrbeck and Mrs. James Carroll Fraser.

CHINESE COSTUME BALL

TO AID FAMINE FUND.

Plans for the mammoth Chinese costume ball to be given in aid of the China famine fund in Wardman Park Hotel on the night of April 5 are proceeding swimmingly, according to reports from the ball committee. Everybody "as is anybody" in Washington's social world is going to attend. It is whispered that the President and Mrs. Harding and the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge will attend, not to mention the wives of all the Cabinet members—in costume, too, some of them.

Yesterday the ball committee made public the list of patronesses. The list follows: Mrs. Warren G. Harding, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, Mrs. John W. Weeks, Senora de Hlano, Senora Mathieu, Senora de Pezet, Baroness Cartier de Marchionne, Baroness Shidehara, Lady Geddes, Madame Bakmeteff, Princess Lubomirsk, Madame Grouitch, Madame Bryn, Madame Cespedes, Madame Sze, Princess Bibesco, Madame Yung Kwei, Mrs. Chandler Anderson, Mrs. George Barnett, Mrs. Glet Blair, Miss Magbel Boardman, Mrs. Frederick A. Delano, Mrs. Dimock, Mrs. Norman H. Davis, Mrs. Joseph Frelinghuysen, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. Thomas T. Goff, Mrs. Augustus P. Gardner, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Charles Henderson, Madame Hague, Mrs. John B. Henderson, Mrs. George D. Hope, Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Mrs. Julian James, Mrs. Frederick Keep, Mrs. Frank Kellogg, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. Ridley McLean, Mrs. Henry May, Mrs. Adolph Miller, Mrs. Frank B. Noyes, Mrs. John Newbold, Mrs. Richard Olney, Mrs. Winthrop Rutherford, Mrs. John Hervey Young, Mrs. Huston Thompson, Mrs. James Wadsworth, Jr., Mrs. Edward C. Walker, Mrs. Thomas Walsh, Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Mrs. Henry White, Mrs. Charles Boughton Wood, and Mrs. Charles Warren.

Everybody is going to be in costume. Mrs. George Barnett, who has spent a number of years in the Orient and whose collections of thing ori-

ental is regarded as among the best in the country, will donate a number of her highly-prized Chinese costumes.

All sorts of Chinese attractions will be in evidence. A real Chinese jazz orchestra will furnish the music for the dancing, and there will be Chinese teatime, cakes, and candies for sale in an attractively decorated tea garden, which will be constructed adjacent to the ball room.

The authors' carnival ball and book fair, combined with the first national convention of the League of American Pen Women, will draw many interesting and notable people from all over the country to Washington for the four days. The contest between the States as to which has given the most to literature, music and art is causing nation-wide interest, and daily different States are entering the contest. The latest State to throw its hat in the ring is Texas. Mrs. Jane Fitzgerald, vice president for the State of Texas for the league, writes that she is making a State-wide can-

vass and will come on with an exhibit of art, music and literature for the Texas booth, and confidently expects to win first honors. In addition to being one of the leading women of Texas, officer of the League of American Pen Women, Mrs. Fitzgerald heads one of the most interesting clubs in the country, the Florence Kling Harding Club.

California is sending on one of the largest delegations, as the league has three auxiliaries in that State. Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Heustis, president of the Los Angeles auxiliary, who is well known in Washington, having lived here many years prior to going to California, will attend. Florida and New York are vying with one another in the size of their delegations and the noted representatives that they are sending. Mrs. Thomas J. Winter, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will bring the exhibit and head the representatives from Minnesota. From Arkansas comes Mrs. Bernie Babcock, and

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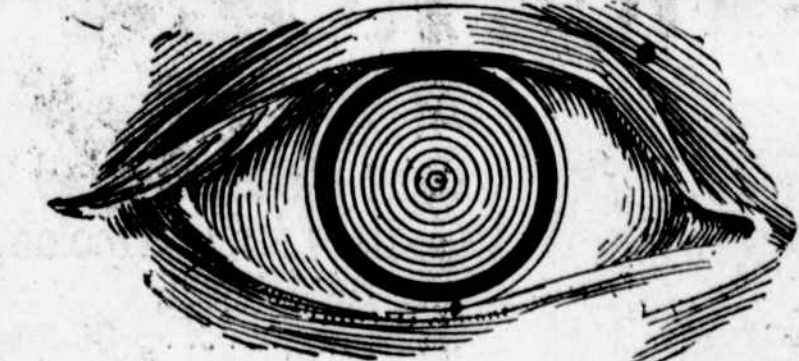
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